

Connect Your Class to the Past at the Yuma Quartermaster Depot

HISTORY OF THE YUMA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park is the site of a U.S. Army supply depot that operated from 1864-1883. The depot served a very important purpose within Arizona's history by storing and shipping supplies to military posts throughout Arizona Territory and beyond. Although the depot was first established during the Civil War, the Indian Wars period of the 1870s became the depot's busiest years. Supplies arrived at the depot by steamboats traveling up the Colorado River, and were disbursed to posts throughout Arizona by mule-drawn wagons.

INTERPRETIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

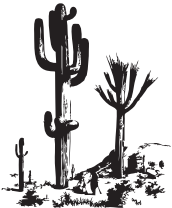
Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park offers five interpretive education programs to supplement your classroom curriculum. Each program meets specific Arizona Standards for that program's recommended grade levels.

For program descriptions and Arizona Standards planning, see reverse.

All interpretive education programs are FREE!



History of the Depot (grades K-12)

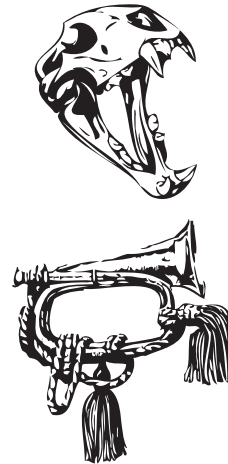


Natural History (grades K-8)

River Walk (grades 3-8)



A Soldier's Life (grades 3-6)



Arizona and the Civil War
(grades 6-12)

SCHEDULE A PROGRAM

Please call the park visitor center (operated by the Yuma Visitors Bureau)
at (928) 783-0071 and ask for Tammy to schedule your FREE program.

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The Yuma Quartermaster Depot served as an army supply depot between 1864 and 1883. Touring the remaining original buildings of the depot, students learn the purpose of the site and its role in storing supplies for all the forts in Arizona Territory, and some forts outside the territory as well. Depot buildings on the tour include the old Storehouse, the Quartermaster's Office, the Water Reservoir, the Quartermaster's House (which is the oldest house in Yuma), and the Corral House. Gr. K and up

NATURAL HISTORY

Many different species of animals populate the desert around Yuma and live along the banks of the Colorado River. The skull bones of these mammals and birds tell us a lot about the animal itself—including what type of food they eat, how big of an animal they are, their sense of smell, and whether or not they have good eyesight. Using the skulls of native animals of this area, students learn how skull features indicate the different lifestyles of animals. During the program, students have the opportunity to handle both skulls and hides. Gr. K-8

RIVER WALK

The Sonoran desert displays a wide variety of vegetation. Both native and introduced plants of the Sonoran desert are explored through a nature hike around the park and along the banks of the Colorado River. During the hike, students discover how the native plants of the area have adapted to our desert climate, and the historical uses of plants by local tribes. Gr. 3-8

ARIZONA AND THE CIVIL WAR

Although most of the fighting during the Civil War occurred in the eastern United States, the war also had a strong influence on the history of the Southwest. During this program, students will tour the grounds of the historic Yuma Quartermaster Depot, built during the Civil War in 1864, and occupied by the army's California Volunteers. While touring the grounds, students will learn not only the history of the depot, but also how the conflict resulted in several small skirmishes in Arizona, and the formation of Arizona as a separate territory from New Mexico. Gr. 6-12

A SOLDIER'S LIFE

The heyday of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot was during the Indian Wars period of the 1870s. At that time, most army soldiers lived on frontier posts west of the Mississippi River. Using these posts as a campaign base, the army fought with native tribes of the west and forced them onto reservations. When not on campaign, these soldiers led a largely monotonous existence at their posts. By looking at the strict, daily routine of western soldiers in the 1870s, students will learn how the average army soldier spent much of their time during the Indian Wars period. Gr. 3-6

ARIZONA STANDARDS

	History of Yuma Quartermaster Depot	Natural History	River Walk	Arizona and the Civil War	A Soldier's Life
Kinder	Social Studies S1,C1,PO2,4; S4,C2,PO1	Science S1,C1,PO1-2; S1,C2,PO2; S4,C3,PO1			
1st	Social Studies S1,C1,PO3; S4,C2,PO1; S4,C5,PO1	Science S1,C1,PO1-2; S1,C2,PO2; S4,C3,PO1-3			
2nd	Social Studies S1,C1,PO4; S1,C5,PO4; S4,C2,PO2	Science S1,C1,PO1-2; S1,C2,PO2; S4,C1,PO1			
3rd	Social Studies S1,C1,PO3; S4,C4,PO1; S4,C5,PO1	Science S1,C1,PO1-2; S4,C3,PO3; S4,C4,PO1	Science S2,C1,PO1; S4,C1,PO1; S4,C4,PO1		Social Studies S1,C1,PO3 Physical Education S1,C1,PO1-2
4th	Social Studies S1,C7,PO2-3; S4,C5,PO1; S4,C6,PO1	Science S1,C3,PO2; S4,C1,PO1-2	Science S2,C1,PO1; S4,C4,PO2		Social Studies S1,C5,PO5; S1,C7,PO3
5th	Social Studies S1,C1,PO1b; S1,C5,PO4; S4,C1,PO1d	Science S1,C1,PO2; S1,C3,PO5; S4,C1,PO1	Science S2,C1,PO1		Social Studies S1,C3,PO1; S1,C5,PO2; S4,C1,PO1
6th	Social Studies S1,C1,PO7; S4,C6,PO1	Science S2,C2,PO3	Science S2,C1,PO1; S4,C1,PO6	Social Studies S1,C1,PO7; S4,C1,PO3	Social Studies S1,C1,PO4; S1,C1,PO7
7th	Social Studies S1,C1,PO7; S4,C5,PO3; S4,C6,PO1	Science S4,C3,PO1-2	Science S2,C1,PO1	Social Studies S1,C1,PO7; S1,C7,PO11; S4,C1,PO3	
8th	Social Studies S1,C1,PO7; S4,C5,PO1-2	Science S1,C3,PO5; S1,C4,PO1,5; S4,C4,PO1	Science S2,C1,PO1; S4,C4,PO1	Social Studies S1,C1,PO7; S4,C1,PO3	
9-12	Social Studies S1,C7,PO3a; S4,C6,PO3			Social Studies S1,C1,PO1; S1,C6,PO2; S4,C1,PO2	